

# Photo Classics

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April 27, 1983

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Dear Carey:

We met years ago while I was working on Santa Cruz with a Dr. Willis Hewatt. He made an ecological survey of the intertidal marine life. I helped him in this project and also made a sizeable botanical collection that was distributed between Pomona College, Stanford and Cal. Now as a retired national park man, I have time to visit your great island. Four of us are booked at the old adobe at Christy Ranch for June 6. I am writing in hopes that you will give me permission to do some professional photography for my own files. I am neither on assignment by or represent any publication or institution. My concern is for the future of the island.

Both Gary Davis of NPS and Bill Huffman suggested that I drop you this line. Gary tells me that there is a pressing need for an accurate description of the natural history of Santa Cruz. Would you be interested in discussing such a project?

Enclosed is a list of publications that came out of our work on Santa Cruz in 1939. I would be glad to have copies made of any one of these titles that you do not have and that you would care to add to your library.

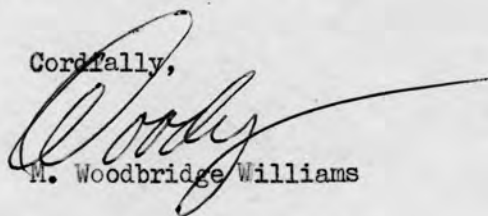
In the meantime, I've taken the liberty of enclosing a few snapshots from our 1939 summer on Santa Cruz. I'm not certain how valuable they are historically, but to me they are at least nostalgic.

Perhaps you would find time to write to me soon about the photographic situation, since we leave for the West in the second week of May.

I think it was on the road to Blue Banks where your Dad all of sudden mentioned his feelings about the Island: "Woody, someday this island should become a Park." I'm delighted that it is moving in such a direction. If any of my skills may be directed toward this end, please let me know.

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Cordially,



M. Woodbridge Williams

Publications from our 1939 Work on  
Santa Cruz Island

Technical

- Hewatt, Willis G. 1946 Marine Ecological Studies on Santa Cruz Island, California. Ecological Monographs, 16: 185-210
- Williams, M.W. 1940 Notes on the Land Snails from Santa Cruz Island. Journal of Entomology and Zoology, Pomona College, vol 32, no 1, 1940 18-22
- Hilton, William A. 1939 A Collection of Pycnogonids from Santa Cruz Island, Pomona College Journal of Entomology and Zoology, December 1939
- Fraser, C. McLean 1940 Some Hydroids from the California Coast collected in 1939 (20 species reported, one new to science.) from Santa Cruz

Popular

- Williams, M.W. Jan-Feb. 1954  
About 1950 Santa Cruz - An Island Museum, Pacific Discovery, California Academy of Sciences.  
Mostly a photo essay.



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Dear Woody,

I well remember you and Dr Hewlitt. Of course you may photograph while you are here, but only for your own records, not for publication of any sort. I would like to have copies of anything that you get that you consider worthwhile.

I think that Gary Davis's motives are good, but that he has not looked at the enormous amount of work on the natural history of the island that has been done by the University of California. Naturally, I would be interested in discussing anything at all to do with the island, but do not want to see you wasting your time duplicating something that has been done already and fairly recently. I will surely let you know about any work from your 1939 list that I would like to have for my own Santa Cruz Island archive, of which I am justly very proud. It is great and I am eager for you to see it. Thank you very much for the photographs taken in 1939. They are extremely valuable as well as interesting.

*(and will go into the archive)*

The island is not heading toward being a National Park and I think you misinterpreted what my father said. He never wanted to see the government in charge of things here. It won't be either, as in AD 2008 it passes to The Nature Conservancy, which is as you know a PRIVATE conservation organization and is not at the whim of Congress nor its constituents.

I look forward eagerly to seeing you on your trip here.

Most sincerely,

*Carey*

Carey Stanton



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June 23, 1983

Dear Carey:

Thank you for your good letter of May eight and the correct date for my little piece in Pacific Discovery. Enclosed you will find my copy of the Fraser hydroid paper, which would be more useful in your Santa Cruz Island Library than lying idle here in Maryland. Now all of this must go by mail since Bee and I deemed it best to postpone our trip west in order to visit with our oldest daughter who was enroute to a year long job in the Philippines. However, we have left our deposit with Bill Huffman in anticipation of making the trip next year. One member of our party Karl Kenyon did make the trip and he enjoyed himself immensely. He writes:

"I am glad that the Nature Conservancy is getting the island. Also, I think it is wise that Carey Stanton makes every one sign a thing saying no articles or publicity will be written. The Conservancy is in the process of eradicating feral animals - pigs and sheep - which I think is good. If publicity got out on this I'm sure the radical animal protectionists would raise a fuss, as they have about the goats on San Clemente, and the rabbits on Ano Nuevo, burrows in Grand Canyon etc."

As Bill may have told you Karl is a professional wildlife manager, his speciality being sea mammals. He wrote the definite biology of the sea otter and was the first one to keep one successfully in captivity... at the Seattle Zoo.

In regards to the natural history of Santa Cruz, I think our good motives were more in direction of a popular natural history rather than a technical one. Such a project would be a popular collation of all the research that has been done on the island. My only specific interest is in the land mollusks of the island and I would be interested to learn if any additional work has been done in this area. Perhaps the popular account can wait until such a time that the Nature Conservancy has matters well in hand and may wish to explain their policies and regulations on the basis of sound and comprehensive research.

Thank you for clarifying your father's feelings about the island. I am confident he did use the term "park" but did not at that time say how such a use would be managed. Now, if I understand the arrangement, you gain the distinction of being within a national park, but, through the Nature Conservancy, retain private control of most of the island. I gain the impression from reading the NPS General Management Plan for the Channel Islands of 1980, that the Ghorini end will be eventually transferred to the Park Service and I assume they would put some kind

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visitor accomodations in at Scorpion or Smugglers. Perhaps you could give me more background on this matter.

Ive been thinking about the eventual disposition of my photo files, especially those of some historic interest. Are there plans for some kind of permanent Santa Cruz Island archives? Would they remain in the family, be under the Nature Conservancy, the Santa Barbara Museum, the Los Angeles County Museum or where. Perhaps my negatives would be useful in one of these fine institutions.

Any suggestions?

Cordially

Just plain Mister



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July 2, 1983

Dear Woody,

Thank you for your good letter and for the enclosure of DrFraser's hydroid paper. I am delighted to have it. I am sorry that I won't be seeing you in the near future.

You asked a question that is indeed very near to my heart. Yes, there is a Channel Islands Archive at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. This is a permanent archive. Some of the material is classified and other of it is available to scholars. But the important thing is that it is there and there is a full time curator classifying it. As you can imagine we have gotten all kinds of stuff from everyone who wants to get rid of junk. Better to the Archive than thrown away. The Archive is not under the Nature Conservancy. The Conservancy to me has been a disappointment in that they seem to have no interest in that sort of thing. Things have been given to them and "lost" and the Conservancy claims they have never gotten them. DO NOT GIVE things to the Conservancy or money. The Channels Islands Archive at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History is a going thing and will be there forever. It is growing. I have given them lots of things and they are all classified and put away in acid free containers and well catalogued. It is not finished being catalogued but it will be and it is a marvellous place for you to give your things now or whenever you feel like it. If you prefer you can send them to me and I can take them to the archive. Needless to say, I am greatly involved and have been a Trustee of the Museum for about 15 years. Pictures, negatives, notes whatever you have. The more information you can supply along with negatives etc the better.

Best to you, *Cary*



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July 18, 1983

Dear Carey:

I am delighted to learn from your letter of July 2 that Santa Barbara will house the Channel Island Archives. I would like to make additional prints from my old negatives before placing them in <sup>these</sup> archives. Bee and I happen to be touching up our Will and we will mention the gift among our depositions.

*beginning Sept 8*  
In the meantime I ~~may~~ have an opportunity to visit your area in September. We have our plane tickets booked for the ~~first~~ three weeks. Our base will be with Bee's sister in Encinitas. I would very much like to visit the Museum and with you and then Channel Island folk at NPS. Do you have a number where we can contact you upon arrival in California?


Karl Kenyon, with whom I was to go to Santa Cruz, wrote such an enthusiastic letter about his stay at Christy's that I am enclosing a copy with ~~his~~ permission. <sup>Also</sup> I am enclosing a copy of an early document from the Journal of Mammology that contains a resolution to establish a Channel Island National Park for the purpose of protecting the marine mammals on San Miguel. Karl was at the time chairman of their Marine Mammal Committee.

Also find a small scrib from the Washington Post. You may as well keep these whether you have them or not since I have original copies.

The finest farm in this area is owned by a former Stanford geologist named Francis Johnson. He was born and raised in Santa Barbara. Since we talk about your area whenever we meet, he called my attention to an article in California History (which you may receive) about a classical pot hunter named The Reverend Stephen Bowers: Curiosity Hunter of the Santa Barbara Channel Islands. Francis was much interested in my copy of Bremmer Geology of Santa Cruz Island. I see the classic was done under G.C. Gester, Chief Geologist, Standard Oil of Calif. His son George was among my best friends of a small group raised in Berkeley California. Another member of the group was Kenny Davis now Vice President of Bechtel.

Enough rambling. I trust we may be able to see you this fall.

Cordially,



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16 June 1983

Dear Woody and Bee:

The Santa Cruz Island trip was very interesting and something different. Being isolated in the relatively unspoiled California atmosphere with only 10 people (7 of us tourists, 2 guides and the Mexican cook) for the better part of 5 days brought back many memories of my young life in the country near La Jolla before the flood of humanity began in the '40's.

I particularly remembered how, on Fridays, my mother and us kids would get the camping gear packed and ready to leave at 3 pm when my father got home from the bank. Then we would drive for about 20 minutes to Los Peniscitos, Sorrento Valley (now wall to wall houses and cars) where we would camp beside a little stream with pools for fishing and rabbits to hunt and shaded by sycamore trees and not see any other people - or maybe a farmer.

I am glad that the Nature Conservancy is getting the island. Also, I think it is wise that Carey Stanton makes every one sign a thing say no articles or publicity will be written. The Conservancy is in the process of eradicating feral animals - pigs and sheep - which I thin is good. If publicity got out on this I'm sure the radical animal protectionists would raise a fuss, as they have about the goats on San Clemente, and the rabbits on Ano Nuevo, burrows in Grand Canyon,

The meals were wonderful - I gained 3 lbs., Damnit. The days were somewhat routine. In the AM, or night before we would all decide where we would go, then pile into the 2 Jeeps and trundle off over the most horrible roads in the world. We visited different beaches on the west half of the island and the 4 skindivers among us would dive for abalones and spear fish. One guide was an avid fisherman & I tried to help on this but my gear was too light and the big sheep-heads broke my line. Anyway, enough sea food was accumulated for a sizable feast.

My only frustration was that I haven't quite made the transition from being a wildlife biologist - with a purpose in mind for each island visit - to being a tourist just out to sight-see. So, I satisfied myself by taking pix. If these come out, I'll send you a sample.

The isolation we enjoyed on Santa Cruz, a trip back in time, away from the swarming millions on the mainland may have been about like things were on the Channel Islands in general when we were growing up in S. California. But now things are different - as you can see from the Isl. Packers brochure enclosed, in case you don't have one. I would have given anything to do, back in the '30's what one can do at a nominal price today. So, Woody & Bee, sorry you weren't along but hope you had a good visit with Edith & that she will enjoy the Philippine Now my usual chores await, So, best for now,

Love, Karl



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July 30, 1983

Dear Carey:

I'm sorry about the mixup on the term "Santa Barbara." I did mean the museum and this is where I plan to go when I come out in September. I believe it was in 1939 that I last paid a visit to the Museum. There I met a delightful old gentleman named Cockerrel, a naturalist who had done a good bit of exploring around the Channel Islands. You may have some of his reports.

Thank you for your phone number and I will call around the 9th of September after we arrive at my Sister-in-law's home in Encinitas. We plan to be on the coast for about three weeks. Perhaps within this time we will be able to arrange a meeting. ("We", wife Bee and I. )

I look forward to such an event with great pleasure.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Woody", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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July 21, 1983

Dear Woody,

Glad to get your letter and enclosures. I am not sure from your letter if you understand exactly where the Channel Islands Archive is located. It is in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. It is not just in Santa Barbara in general. Any photographs, letters, etc pertaining to the islands are most welcome and are not treated as "junk". Most people just throw that sort of thing away. The Archive will house it well and be delighted to have it. Needless to say, much of my stuff and "junk" is going there.

I do not know if I will be in the area in the first part of September or not. Please do call and see. (805) 488-8840. If I am not here there is an answering machine so at least I will get your message.

I do indeed look forward to seeing you. Remember!!!  
The Channel Islands Archive in the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

Best to you,

*Cacey*